

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CULTURAL CHARTER FOR AFRICA**

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirteenth Ordinary Session at Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1976,

**Having examined** the report CM/764 (XXVII) of the Administrative Secretary General concerning the Ministers of Cultures' elaboration of a Cultural Charter for Africa in conformity with resolution CM/Res. 371 (XXIII) adopted by the Council of Ministers in its Twenty-third Ordinary Session held at Mogadishu (Somalia) from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 1974;

**Conscious** of the importance of the role of culture in the political emancipation, in the economic and social development;

**Considering** that cultural exchanges and the initiatives taken in common in the form of cultural action contribute to the mutual enrichment to the understanding between human beings and to the peace amongst states;

**Noting** that the Ministers of Culture, met in Addis Ababa from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 1976 for elaborating the Cultural Charter for Africa had recommended that their draft be adopted by the Heads of State and Government,

1. **EXPRESSES** its sincere congratulations to the Ministers of Culture for the efforts they displayed for elaborating the Cultural Charter for Africa;
2. **DECIDES** to approve the Cultural Charter for Africa;
3. **INVITES** the Administrative Secretary General to communicate the text of the Cultural Charter to Member States so that they can ratify it and then implement it;
4. **RECOMMENDS** a biennial meeting of the Ministers of Culture with the view of defining and harmonising the programme of cultural activities in Africa.

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